Refurbishment of JRY

1508. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana is likely to be revamped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and

(c) when this new scheme is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) On the basis of the experience gained in implementing the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) during the last four years, it has been felt that sharper focussing of this programme is desirable in areas where there is concentration of unemployment and under-employment. It is also felt necessary to focus on generating sustained rural employment and drought proofing of the area. The details are being worked out in consultation with the Planning Commission and they are likely to be finalised during the current year.

Tubewells in Rural and Drought Prone Areas in Maharashtra

1509. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to install tubewells in the rural and drought affected areas in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the details of the targets, if fixed, for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

1510. [*Transferred to 17th August 1993*]

Identification of Drought Prone Areas

1511. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified drought prone areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan has been drawn to provide irrigation to these areas; and

(d) if so, the target set and achievement made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The Drought Prone Areas Programme is in operation in 615 blocks of 95 districts in 13 States. The details of these areas may be seen at statement. (See below)

(c) Provision of life saving irrigation through harvesting of surface run-off of rain water is one of the main activities under the Water Resources Development sector in DPAP and 20 per cent of DPAP annual allocation is earmarked for taking up of developmental works under this sector.

(d) The targets set and achievements made during the last three years i.e. 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 under water resources development sector of DPAP are given below:

In hactares

Year	Target	Achievement
1990-91	32393	21516
1991-92	26908	19362
1992-93	21911	15060

Statement

Details of drought prone areas

Name of State	No. of Districts	No. of Blocks
1. Andhra Pradesh	8	69
2. Bihar	7	54
3. Gujarat	8	43
4. Haryana	1	9
5. Jammu & Kashmir	2	13
6. Karnataka	11	71
7. Madhya Pradesh	6	49
8. Maharashtra	12	74
9. Orissa	4	39
10. Rajasthan	9	30
11. Tamil Nadu	7	43
12. Uttar Pradesh	17	87
13. West Bengal	3	34
TOTAL :	95	615

Directions to take action against Corrupt Sarpanches

1512. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any directions have been given to State Governments to take action against Sarpanches and other who have embezzled funds meant for J.R.Y.;

(b) the details of directions given by the Ministry;

(c) whether any State has refused to implement disciplinary proceedings against corrupt Panchayat officials responsible for misusing J.R.Y. funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana is a decentralised programme of Rural employment implemented by about 450 District Rural Development Agencies (DRDA)/Zilla Parishad (ZP) and 2,20,000 Gram Panchayats. In view of the large number of agencies planning and implementing the programme, safeguards have been provided under the JRY manual, to ensure that